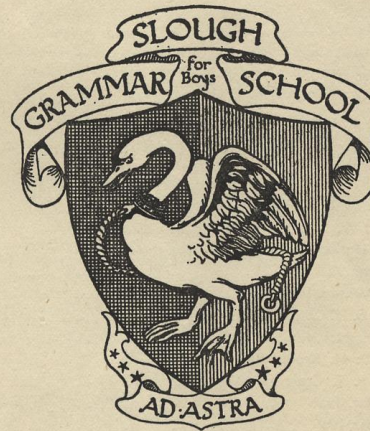


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### EDITORIAL

Like the Prime Minister, we never prophesy. But it seems reasonable to express a cautious hope that the present number of 'The Swan' may perhaps be our last war-time issue. Who knows? Meanwhile, as the days of peace approach, it is encouraging to note the recent growth of interest, among the senior members of the school, in what might be called public life—politics, social questions and foreign affairs. Nobody is more dismal than the man who is interested in politics, the machinery of life, to the exclusion of life itself. But if the history of the last twenty-five years has taught us anything, it is that no people can afford to neglect its own public life; nobody can afford to entrust his existence as a citizen entirely to others. Interest in their own social and political future among the senior members of secondary schools has grown considerably in the past few years. Some evidence of this development in our own school appears in this issue of 'The Swan.'

Another feature of the current issue is not so encouraging. A glance at the list of contents will show from what very limited sections of the school the contributions have come. Far too many Forms are unrepresented. Next year let every Form make it their business to be represented by at least one original contribution.

Having said this, the Editor again thanks very heartily those members of the staff and the school who have co-operated in writing this issue—with a special word of encouragement to the boys who have sent in contributions which it has not been possible to print.

### SCHOOL NOTES

It is anticipated that rather more than 500 boys will be in attendance next term. The third Rest Centre hut will have to be used to accommodate the additional boys.

Messrs. E. Morgan and W. J. Collins joined the staff during the year. At the end of the Summer Term the following are relinquishing their appointments :—Messrs. T. F. Hesketh, A. W. Leftwich, A. E. Underwood, and L. F. Wignall. We wish them happiness and success in their new spheres of work.

The 1943 examination results were well up to standard. All five H.S.C. candidates were successful. P. A. Egelstaff gained Distinction in Chemistry and W. J. Omer gained Distinction in Biology. Omer was awarded an Engineering Cadetship by the Board of Education.

County Intermediate Scholarships have been awarded to P. R. Marler, F. C. Mousley, and M. J. Waghorn.

We wish to thank very sincerely Mr. C. Ford, a Governor of the school, for presenting about 50 works of fiction to the library, and also a handsome silver cup to be awarded annually (together with a prize value 10/6) to the boy, senior or junior, who has given the greatest measure of voluntary, unostentatious, and consistent service to the school during the preceding year.

The following have been selected for University Short Courses :—

Royal Navy : P. Ford, R. Christie.

Army : R. Ford, D. S. Palmer, P. G. Bennett.

R.A.F. : Woodford, V. L.

Indian Army Cadetships have been awarded to G. B. Borwell and M. G. H. Simmons.

D. M. Davies gained a Cadetship in H.M.S. "Conway," and E. E. L. Farmer and P. L.

Reynolds entered a Merchant Navy Training School for Apprentices.

The following passed the R.A.F. Apprentices examination : J. M. Bayes, E. J. Denham, A. Williamson, while A. G. F. Cowles and M. F. H. Knight gained entrance to the Army Technical School.

The Old Boys' football teams carried all before them in the 1943-44 season.

Our deepest sympathy is offered to the relatives of the following Old Boys who have lost their lives on Active Service since the last issue of the magazine :—

Howard J. Burkhard (1932-37), Sgt. Pilot, R.A.F. Killed during training, September, 1943.

Alan S. Burgess (1932-36), Sgt. Pilot, R.A.F. Killed in action, September, 1943.

Roy Dadsden (1930-32), Pilot Officer, R.A.F. Killed over Germany, 1943.

Dennis P. Crump (1935-38), Sgt. Pilot, R.A.F. Killed during operational flight, October, 1943.

Patrick G. T. Brown, D.F.C. (1930-36), Squadron Leader, R.A.F. Killed over France, December, 1943.

George Maslin (1928-32). Died while a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. News received, January, 1944.

Frederick Talkington (1914- ), Chief Yeoman of Signals, R.N. Missing, presumed killed, Mediterranean theatre, February, 1944.

Leonard A. Everett (1932-37), Flight Sgt., R.A.F. Missing over Mediterranean, April, 1944.

Richard J. Cork, D.S.O., D.S.C., D.F.C. (1928-32), A/Commander, Fleet Air Arm. Killed in flying accident in Ceylon, April, 1944.

Henry A. Marshall (1934-40), R.A.F. Killed in flying accident in Assam, May, 1944.

Robert D. Warren (1932-36), Flying Officer, R.A.F. Killed in flying accident in England, May, 1944.

Dennis A. Essex (1928-31), Sgt. Pilot, R.A.F. Died of injuries sustained in flying accident in Palestine, April, 1944.

Osmer Furnivall (1927-24), Trooper, Staffs Yeomanry (Tanks). Killed in action in Normandy, June, 1944.

The following are prisoners of war :—

Basil Edwards (1932-35), in Malaya.

David J. White (1934-34), Sgt. Pilot, R.A.F., in Germany.

Honours have been awarded to :—

Squadron Leader Patrick G. T. Brown (1930-36), R.A.F., awarded the D.F.C. for leadership and gallantry, January, 1944. In one flight over France his squadron shot down 9 out of 14 Dorniers. He lost his life a few days later.

Flying Officer Harold C. Hernaman (1933-36), R.A.F., awarded D.F.C. for skill, fortitude and devotion to duty, January, 1944.

Herbert S. Portsmouth (1932-34), R.A.F., awarded D.F.C. for skill, fortitude, and devotion to duty, February, 1944.

Lieut. William W. McGillivray (1931-38), R.N., mentioned in despatches for gallantry during the action against the "Scharnhorst," April, 1944. He was serving on H.M.S. "Savage" at the time.

Sgt. Kenneth A. Batty (1929-35), Radiographer in R.A.M.C., mentioned in despatches for his work in the N. African campaign, April, 1944.

End of term fixtures :—

July 19. Sports Heats.

" 21. Sports Day.

" 24. Merit Half.

" 25. Staff Cricket Match.

" 26. Gymnastic Display.

" 27. End of Term.

The Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 5th September.

## SPEECH DAY, 1943

Speech Day was held on October 26th in the School Hall. The Dean of Windsor, the Very Rev. A. V. Baillie, made the presentation of prizes. Mr. L. S. R. Byrne, Chairman of the Governors, presided. He was supported by the Mayoress of Slough (Mrs. A. E. Ward), Alderman E. T. Bowyer, Alderman E. O. Lewis, Miss J. M. Crawford, Miss E. Headington, Mr. C. Ford, Mr. W. Hancock and Mr. C. Polmear.

The Headmaster, in his Annual Report, referred to the now permanent increase in the size of the school and to the partial easing of the accommodation problem by the use of the two Rest Centre huts in Lascelles Road. He went on to speak of the year's examination successes and to the relatively satisfactory state of recruitment for Higher Certificate work in the VI Form.

The Headmaster next reviewed the school's athletic record during the past year, and the progress and achievements of the Cadet Corps. After relating the other numerous activities of the school, the Report concluded with expressions of gratitude to the Governors and Staff for their support and co-operation ; of regret for the resignation of Mrs. Purnell from the Governing Body ; and of sorrow for the growing casualty list among Old Boys in the Services.

In his address after presenting the prizes, the Dean of Windsor said that, terrible as the war was, it had had a beneficial effect on the young men of England, as regards both character and education. The Dean spoke of the long experience which he had had of education. He said that this experience had taught him the supreme value of personality, and the outstanding worth of books, especially the Bible, which gave insight into human character. Dr. Baillie went on to speak of the value of education in helping boys to become men and to acquire that control over their own development which would enable them to do their real work in the world.

Votes of thanks to the Dean of Windsor and to the Chairman were passed, and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem. Before the prize distribution there was a musical programme consisting of two part-songs by the Choir, Mendelssohn's 'How Lovely are the Messengers' and Armstrong Gibbs' 'The Emigrant,' and two solos.

The list of prize and certificate winners is as follows :

For year ending 31st July, 1943

FORM IIc : Prize, J. B. R. Wood ; Certificates, A. I. Mayfield, C. A. Pearce and. FORM IIb : Prize, E. F. Wood ; Certificates, M. A. Rowland and S. W. Jones. FORM IIa : Prize, R. Stevens ; Certificates, R. Comber and J. F. Davis. FORM IIIc : Prize, R. J. Stephens ; Certificates, D. B. Turner and S. Callaway. FORM IIIb : Prize, A. G. Blunden ; Certificates, H. E. Morgan and E. R. Smart. FORM IIIa : Prize, M. F. Madelin ; Certificates, F. F. Klemperer and K. R. Mason. FORM IVc : Prize, J. G. Pilditch ; Certificates, K. R. Thwaite and J. M. Fry. FORM IVb : Prize, J. K. Harker ; Certificates, E. A. Pearce, and L. Butler. FORM IVa : Prize, D. T. G. Morgan ; Certificates, E. J. Hill and P. D. Scott. FORM LVb : Prize, G. D. Hammans ; Certificates, P. G. Whalley and W. Steinberg. FORM LVa : Prize, W. S. Gowing ; Certificates, L. W. Tubey and G. E. Edmunds.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, WITH MATRICULATION EXEMPTION. FORMS Va, Vb, Vc, July 1943.—Prizes (presented by Mr. H. F. Allen) : H. G. Klemperer, P. R. Marler (nine Credits each). Certificates : B. Allt, E. J. Denham, N. Reeves, R. J. A. Tarrant, J. P. W. Young, A. J. Broomfield, J. D. Hussey, D. E. Robinson, M. J. Vaghorn, D. H. Burges, L. C. H. Long, T. Schwaetzer, N. Lonsdale, J. F. Chapman, F. C. Mousley, B. Severn and J. R. Pegg.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES : F. Bradley, P. Ford, G. E. Power, D. Elliott, D. H. Kerridge, D. G. G. Robinson, N. W. Bennett, E. E. L. Farmer, G. H. Lucas, J. A. Squires, P. C. Dandridge, I. E. Herbert, H. C. Barlow, R. W. Fry, A. F. Layzell, J. J. Sexton, A. R. Bishop, F. B. Jackson, M. R. Priestley, C. F. Varney, D. Eldridge, D. R. Marrie, J. A. Bayes, R. J. Hackshall, P. B. May, R. F. Wenborne, R. O. Brettell, B. R. January, P. L. Reynolds, J. A. White, J. H. Essex, F. C. Merton, R. Christie, J. Hall, D. W. Packham, M. A. Basden, J. N. Elderfield, A. T. Jordan, J. Q. Smith and W. E. Wight.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES GAINED IN DECEMBER 1942.—With Matriculation : R. A. Coleman, D. Nicholas, G. H. Edwards, F. J. E. Robotham, R. Ford and D. J. W. Rose. Pass Certificates : A. Bond, W. J. Griffiths, P. B. May, D. F. C. Poole, G. R. Borwell, R. A. Jeffs, J. P. R. Pegg, L. Reid, D. J. Deeks, D. H. Kerridge, D. E. Pitcher and P. W. Southwell.

OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES : P. A. Eglestaff (prize presented by Mr. E. T. Bowyer), and W. J. Omer (presented by the Vice-Provost of Eton).

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES : C. N. Furnivall, J. E. Stock and L. A. Watson.

MUSIC PRIZE (presented by Mr. L. W. Pinen) : D. R. Turner.

WAR CERTIFICATE "A" : Cadet Under Officer R. Ford, Sgt. P. B. May, Cpl. F. B. Jackson, Cpl. J. Q. Smith, Sgt. D. Elliott, Cpl. R. O. Brettell, Cpl. J. R. P. Pegg, Cadet J. P. W. Young, Sgt. D. H. Kerridge, Cpl. F. R. E. Deer and Cpl. E. W. Sims.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIVE-SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS.—Bronze Medallions : M. A. Basden, P. R. Marler, A. T. Jordan, T. Schwaetzer, D. H. Kerridge and P. D. Scott. Intermediate Certificates : E. A. Brooks and M. A. Ford.

## CADET CORPS

We welcome Lieut. D. Luck and 2/Lt. W. J. Collins, who now hold appointments in the School Cadet Corps.

The strength of the Corps is now 107 cadets, of whom 26 are under 14 years of age and therefore not "recognised" by the War Office for grant purposes. The strength allotted to the school unit is 110, so there are nearly 30 vacancies for boys over the age



of 14. Any boys over the age of 14 who wish to join the School Cadet Corps should apply to C.Q.M.S. Jackson for an enrolment form.

Throughout the year since the publication of the last magazine, training for War Certificate "A" has progressed steadily, resulting in 31 cadets out of 32 candidates passing the examination for Part I (Individual), and 14 cadets out of 24 candidates passing the much harder examination for Part II (Section Leading).

Thirty-eight cadets, accompanied by Capt. L. F. Wignall and 2/Lt. R. J. Vivash, attended the annual camp of the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association which was held at Gloucester during the period 26th July—6th August, 1943. Good weather, interesting training programmes, the fraternising with boys from other schools, and some jolly good concerts in the evenings all combined to make this camp a great success. We very much regret that the present restriction on travel has made it impossible for the P.S.S.C.A. to hold a camp this year.

During the Easter holidays a course in Physical and Recreational Training for Army Cadets in the East Central District was held at the school. This was attended by six of our cadets, who all obtained satisfactory reports. In addition, Under Officer D. J. Dewar, C.S.M. D. Elliott, and C.S.M. Bennett (No. 5 Coy.) attended an advanced course at Aldershot and qualified to wear the crossed swords badge.

The Annual General Inspection last year was carried out by Lt.-Col. Cornish, O.B.E., M.C., Commanding Grenadier Guards Trng. Bn., Windsor. He was well satisfied with the Company, and reported that it was the best cadet unit he had seen. This year the inspection was carried out by Col. Ferguson, Commanding The Royal Horse Guards, on Friday, 23rd June. Once again we received a very satisfactory report. This is mainly due to the excellent work put in throughout the year by the N.C.O. instructors who have maintained the high standard of efficiency that the School Corps has developed. This was exemplified in an excellent demonstration of rifle drill given by a squad trained by C.S.M. Elliott at the Youth Rally at Slough Stadium during Slough Youth Week.

A miniature rifle range has been built on the school garden adjoining the gymnasium. This has enabled cadets to receive frequent shooting practices. The Company team of 12 were successful in winning the Battalion rifle competition, and becoming the first holders of the Goodman Cup for shooting. Well done! I hope that this will be only the first of a number of successes in this competition. We have also entered for the Imperial Challenge Shields Competition, The King's Shield, and The King George V Trophy. These competitions are shot concurrently, and the standard is high. While we do not anticipate very great results in our first effort in this competition, we do expect results in future years to show that we have profited by our early experiences, and the possession of a school range, and we hope that the time is not far distant when the School Corps will be among the leaders in this competition.

The following cadets have obtained War Certificate "A" during the year: Under Officer R. Ford, C.S.M. D. Elliott, C.Q.M.S. F. B. Jackson, Spts. R. O. Brettell, D. H. Kerridge, P. B. May, J. Q. Smith, Cpls. T. W. Clayton, A. D. Rose, B. Severn, and Cdt. J. P. W. Young, R. F. E. Deer, E. W. Sims.

The following cadets have passed Part I (Individual) of War Certificate "A" during the year: Cpls. D. Green, D. White, G. Hamman, B. Severn, B. M. Winter, L/Cpls. D. Bignold, R. Ison, A. J. Broomfield, J. N. Elderfield, F. W. Allen, Cdts. D. Butler, M. D. Fagg, R. J. Hackshall, L. Prestidge, A. Williamson, D. Birt, R. G. A. Goulding, J. G. Phillips, K. R. Thwaite, L. W. Tubey, W. L. Watts, D. C. Cameron, J. A. Dance, J. Devonshire, T. Dimond, P. A. Finn, R. Hurn, G. J. Lowe, D. Lynch, E. R. Smart and A. G. E. Stevenson.

#### NATIONAL SAVINGS GROUP

"Salute the Soldier" Week, while not equalling previous "weeks" in total, resulted in the group saving £832 17s. 1d.

We have some 380 members, and the total for the year ending March 31st was £3,067 7s. 5d. The grand total is now £15,213 5s. 4d.

W.A.J.

#### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Membership was reduced to one at the beginning of the present school year. A number of new recruits made it possible to run a senior and a junior section.

Two one-act plays were selected for production—Lord Dunsany's thriller, "A Night at an Inn," and Mathurin Dondo's medieval comedy, "Two Blind Men and a Donkey." These were performed by the senior and junior groups respectively at the end of the Winter Term.

The most important event of the year in the work of the society came with the production of "A Night at an Inn" by the senior group for the Slough Social Centre Youth Festival. The group gained full marks and the award of the first prize. It was also invited to repeat the performance at the Concert of Finalists given during Youth Week at the Social Centre.

The group have worked with enthusiasm and have suffered much in a cheerful spirit from their producer. They have stimulated interest elsewhere in the school in the work they are doing and in consequence the future of the society is more assured than at this time last year.

Thanks are due to Mr. Purvis for his work as producer, to Mr. Llewellyn and his assistants for their valuable help with the stage lighting and to the school for its generous reception of the society's efforts.

L.T.

#### OLD PALUDIANS

The war-time activities of the Old Paludians have been limited to the resuscitation of the football club and to the social events—a dinner and several dances—related to financing and celebrating the successes that by necessity or good fortune have marked its progress.

It will be remembered that last season the Old Paludians were champions of the District Minor League, winners of the six-a-side cup and runners-up for the Berks and Bucks Minor Cup. Other Old Paludians organised as the Stoke Road Juniors were champions of the lower section of the District Minor League.

This year the Old Paludians repeated last year's success in the District Minor League and WON the Berks and Bucks Minor Cup. Stoke Road Juniors, competing in the same league now with the Old Paludians, finished in the fourth place.

These successes reflect the high standard of football in the school and the excellent spirit, enthusiasm and hard graft in organisation undertaken by the Old Boys themselves in running their own affairs so well. The cup final was a particularly exciting affair. One goal down throughout the game, the Old Paludians showed pluck and always good football, and deservedly finished level with Huntley & Palmers with two goals each.

During the extra time the Old Boys added two more goals, to finish comfortable winners 4—2.

The team is worth putting on record. It was:—Deeks; Farmer, Varney; Nicholas, Day, Brittain; Williams, Stock, Bond, Thomas, Squires.

Much of the Old Paludians' success has been due to Brittain (hon. sec.), Mr. Hamblett, and Mr. and Mrs. Charman, and the thanks of all within the school and of all Old Boys are due to them for their help in maintaining at least a nucleus Old Paludian organisation. Its existence will be valuable in the fuller development of the O.P.A. which we hope will come with the end of the war.

A.D.P.

#### SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This society, the youngest in the school, was formed in March of this year, and is now well and truly launched.

The first meeting was held among the Sixth Form on the 15th March, when the Committee was elected:

Chairman: J. Armstrong.

Asst. Chairman: Mr. Reeves.

Secretary: D. J. Dewar.

Asst. Secretary: W. H. Smith.

Soon after the society was affiliated to the Council for Education in World Citizenship. This council arranges for week-end courses on International Affairs and gives advice and help to smaller groups, besides distributing a wide selection of pamphlets and news-sheets.

At present membership of the society is restricted to the Sixth Form, but the Upper Fifths joined us for our first lecture.

Other local schools have formed similar societies, and we have held several joint discussions and lectures. This widens the scope of the society considerably. These societies are at Halidon House, the High School, and Windsor County Boys' and Girls' Schools.

The first lecture to the society was given in the School Hall on the 30th March, when Mr. Norman Berry, assistant solicitor to the Borough Council, spoke on Local Government. He began by explaining the 'family tree' of Local Government and the function and power of each unit from the County Council right down to the Parish Council. He went on to explain the method of election and then the financial aspect of the various Utilities, etc. Finally he suggested several topics for discussion, relating to the size of the areas governed and the degree of intervention by Whitehall. The vote of thanks was moved by Armstrong.

It is notable that, rather than plunge into international topics, the society has begun as near home as it can, with Local Government.

On 4th June another meeting was held in the School Hall for the societies from both Windsor and Slough. Miss Marjorie Nicholson, W.E.A., very kindly opened a discussion under the title, 'Post-War Legislation—What Can I do about it?'. In brief, the theme of the discussion was that people have very good ideas on what they want after the war, but none on how they are to get it. A lively and interesting discussion ensued, much being said about the actual constitution of the Government. Members were unable to agree on the scope of local and national government. It was regretted that so many Members of Parliament were of the type which travelled through many constituencies in their quest for a seat, with the result that they knew nothing of the public feeling of the constituency which returned them. It was suggested that the way to Parliament should be through Local Government. It was even suggested that the country should be completely governed by the Local Government system.

Mr. Reeves thanked Miss Nicholson for opening the discussion, and she expressed the hope of attending many more such meetings.

On June 12th another discussion was held at the High School, on State Control of Education, Crannigan being in the chair.

The hope was there expressed that there would be an increase in the number of joint meetings, although the advent of the Higher Schools Examination will necessarily cause some suspension of activities. D.J.D.

#### MUSIC

The Junior Choir have taken part in several festivals of singing, including a Carol Festival organised by Dr. Russell. They gave two two-part songs, and Mayfield and Turner each sang a solo at the School Speech Day. At Christmas the Choir led a Carol Service, and included two French and one Latin carols in their programme. Although they were unable to enter the School Choirs section of the Slough Music Festival in the Spring, nine boys from the Choir entered the solo-singing section. Klemperer won first place in the solo violin section.

During the Autumn Term about forty-five boys from the Fourth Forms attended an Organ Recital given by Mr. Lewis Piner, F.R.C.O. (himself an Old Paludian) at St. Paul's Church, Slough. The programme included music by Bach, Handel and Purcell, and at the end most of the boys were permitted to examine the organ console at close quarters, Mr. Piner giving a short explanation of its mechanism.

A few boys have attended rehearsals of the Royal Choral Society, and were able to watch Dr. Malcolm Sargent conducting rehearsals of Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast," and Delius's "Mass of Life."

The School Orchestra entertained the Choir with a short programme of orchestral and solo instrumental items one afternoon during the Spring Term. The Choir hopes to return the compliment in the near future.

#### SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE CAMP

Between the 18th and the 22nd May, a conference for the Sixth Form of the Bucks Secondary Schools was held in the beautiful district of Little Kimble. The camp is situated at the foot of some of the highest of the Chiltern Hills. Unfortunately, our school, owing to insufficient interest, was represented by only half a dozen Sixth-formers. Mr. Jones and Mr. Purvis came with us.

The subject of the conference was "Freedom and Organisation in the Post-war World." Nine provocative talks were given by well-known personalities, the three most outstanding being given by R. H. S. Crossman, a propaganda expert; Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, a distinguished biologist; and J. Hampden-Jackson, from Cambridge University.

Mr. Crossman spoke of the state of mind of the German prisoner, and of how more and more people in Germany had faith in only two things: God and their loved ones.

Dame Helen explained the importance of Biology for producing larger, more nourishing, and more prolific food crops. She also stressed that pure research was of more value in the long run to the community, than applied or industrial research.

Mr. Hampden-Jackson's thesis was that the individual would lose his freedom if he allowed himself to be subjected to too much control. He claimed that it would be better to be free with rags on one's back than to be an opulent slave to a bureaucratic government.

Other talks were given by: Dr. Foster on "The Physical Sciences and Social Evolution"; Miss Freda White on "The Liberal Ideal and the Development of the Empire"; Dr. Gettel, of Yale University, on "Freedom and Organisation in the American Democracy"; Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis, F.R.I.B.A., on "Freedom and Organisation in the U.S.S.R."; Sir Fred Clarke on "The Contribution of the University of the Future"; and Lt.-Col. Brownlee (U.S. Army) on "The New Democracy."

After each talk groups of about ten gathered for discussion. These discussions always evoked great enthusiasm and interest. On Sunday morning a short service was held, Mr. Tucker, the Headmaster of High Wycombe Grammar School, officiating.

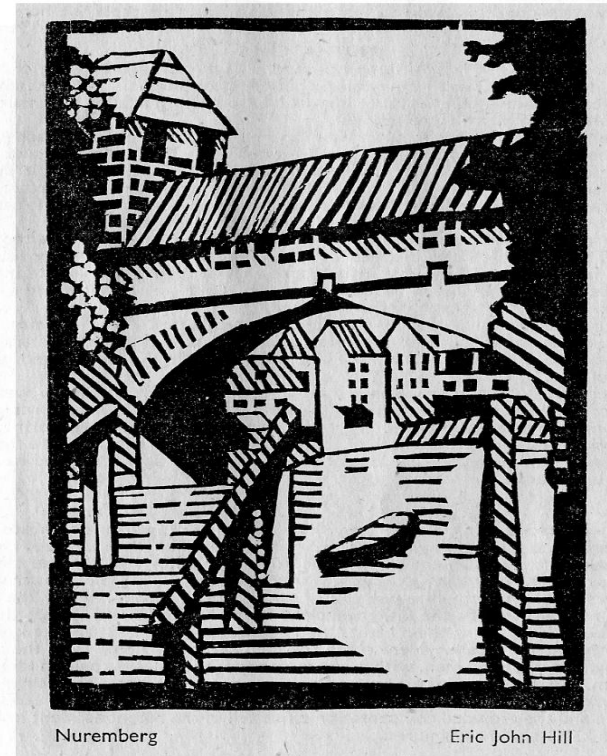
The day started soon after sunrise, since most of us were not used to sleeping in tents and it was rather cold. Cookhouse duties were performed by girls and boys of two tents at a time. These duties consisted of preparing the meals, laying the tables, and washing up. The latter was never welcomed by the boys since many lacked experience in this peculiar art.

Tent representatives met in the mornings to decide upon the form of the evening's entertainment. The Village Hall at Little Kimble was hired on the Saturday evening for a Social. This proved a great success. On returning to camp later on, we joined in a rousing sing-song. Only a camp-fire was lacking. On Sunday night a combined sing-song and dance was held in the camp "Hall."

As the weather was good and we had the afternoons free, we went out walking on the neighbouring hills.

The whole conference was extremely interesting and enjoyable, and we hope that another will soon be held, with a larger representation from the Grammar School.

Brian Allt,  
Helmut Neufeld.



Nuremberg

Eric John Hill

### TRACTOR DRIVING

During last Easter and Summer holidays, several boys from the senior school performed extremely useful work for the Bucks War Agricultural Executive Committee as tractor-drivers. Many hundreds of acres of local land were ploughed, rolled, harrowed, sowed, and harvested, and the boys received excellent reports from the farmers. More boys are in demand this summer, and it is hoped that they will take advantage of this profitable, healthy and helpful work. G.P.T.C.

### GETTING UP ON A COLD MORNING

Venus gleams at me through the open window, as I awaken to realise the joys of a warm bed. My breath steams out of my mouth into the fresh morning air, lit up by the moon's cold light. I turn to watch her—yes I guarantee that I can see Africa up there, and there's Sirius—! but the maddening chimes ring out from below. I listen—four, five, six. I say to myself, "One, two, three, and I'm out." Pyjamas off and the top garments on, life is once more worth living. The door opens and my mother walks in. "Good Morning," I murmur as cheerily as possible. I am told to hurry and finish the fires as soon as I am ready, so that I can clean the shoes before breakfast. Emptying the cinders outside, I again see Sirius, Venus and my other morning friends. A November comet shoots down from the north, and the first flakes of snow gently descend to the ground. Frost! First I consider my cacti; then some skating, and finally my cycle ride after breakfast. Venus has disappeared behind a leaden sky and likewise the moon. I cycle away through the twilight, while the sun's first rays cross the horizon.

D. Klemperer.

### NUTHATCHES

One sunny morning in late Autumn I pushed my way through a tangle of briars and entered a small wood in search of any birds that might be abroad. My footsteps rustling the fallen leaves made a quiet advance impossible, so I sat on a fallen tree trunk hoping that soon some bird might come my way.

I had been seated only a few minutes when an irregular tapping sound reached my ears. The noise seemed to come from a decayed tree stub some twenty feet distant. Quietly I moved along the trunk on which I was sitting until I could see a little hole in the stub about ten feet from the ground. Soon a small blue bird with a brownish breast appeared at the entrance and dropped a beakful of chips. Seeing a human so near, it darted from the hole to the neighbouring trees, uttering shrill piping notes.

These birds, known as nuthatches, are like woodpeckers in their habits, although much smaller. They excavate holes in trees for their nest, but as everyone knows, birds lay their eggs in Spring, and here this little workman was digging a hole late in October. It was to be his winter home in which he could shelter from the snow and rain and be safe from the claws of that night terror, the owl.

The nuthatches are valuable birds for their activities in destroying innumerable insect pests, but as the name suggests, they are good at stealing nuts and at cracking them. One only has to find their haunts, and the nutshells littering the ground give ample evidence of this.

Like every creature, they have their natural enemies. One day while watching the activities of the birds in a small wood I heard the startled notes which birds give when sudden danger breaks upon them. A jay, screeching fearfully, streaked into a beech tree, his bright feathers giving a flash of colour. A robin, too frightened to move, stood erect and rigid on one leg. Then out of the blue swept a sharp-featured hawk, which seized an unfortunate nuthatch and carried away his shrieking victim.

G. White.

### A PIT VILLAGE

A light wind blows thin clouds of greyish dust from the towering slag-heaps on to the squalid, gardenless rows of tiny cottages. Small groups of begrimed, ragged children are playing makeshift games in the dirt by the road. An old, grey, stunted man silently puffs at his clay pipe in an open doorway, while his wife vainly attempts to scrub the very black doorstep clean and white without disturbing her husband. Now the next shift of men is moving towards the pit, their clean faces showing white against the black of their clothes. They carry their 'bait' tied up in handkerchiefs and talk animatedly to each other as they walk. Here come the men returning home from the pit. They are grubby, hungry, tired men, with grimy faces and wry smiles as their children come to meet them. Perhaps this is pay-day and they are returning home to their meagre fare with the money for which they have laboured so hard for so long. The careworn faces of the men and the crowded compensation office tell of the recent accident in which two men were killed and many injured.

J. P. Heslop.



I. A. Mayfield

The Bridge



### A BOMBED BUILDING

Ruins ! Rubble, rubble, and still more rubble. Piles of rubbish and wreckage surround the mouldering carcass that was once somebody's happy home. "The Homestead" no longer boasts a roof, for when the bomb dropped, the roof, taking the form of a magic carpet, traversed the road, and distributed large portions of itself in the neighbouring gardens. The upper part of the house appears now in the similitude of an amphitheatre and the remaining section resembles the Parthenon at Athens, though it is not so graceful.

The front door sways drunkenly on one hinge and condescendingly squeaks an invitation to enter. The fact that the fish-pond had been moved indoors becomes evident when the foot sinks into eight inches of icy water.

Cobwebs horrify the nervous as they caress the face with their silky tentacles, and the fungus carpet causes the unwary to be precipitated on to the floor. Entry into the lounge is simplified by the absence of a door ; rotten floorboards give way as the room is crossed to the skeleton of a once majestic grand piano, which reclines awkwardly on two scarred legs ; a large oil painting has shattered itself upon the bust of Marconi, who, oblivious of his state, sits with a contented smirk upon his mutilated face ; two cups of stale coffee, along with two half-smoked cigarettes lie on a coffee table ; lumps of the magnificent ceiling are strewn everywhere—on the refectory table, on the chairs, on the sofa and all over the Turkish carpet . . . what a mess ! Quite enough has been seen here and upon entering the dining room a similar, if not worse sight, meets the eye. Here the furniture appears to have been heaved about the room by unseen hands and has heaped itself half in and half out of the French windows. A sideboard runner swings lazily from the dejected remains of a chandelier.

The kitchen resembles a slag-heap, for piles of rusted culinary utensils are mixed with mountains of mouldering ingredients ; the sink had given way under the added weight of a large water softener which had descended from its lofty perch.

Chaos everywhere—the once delightful garden had given place to a large static water tank, the contents of which now had a green slimy skin on the surface. The only remaining evidence of human cultivation was the mass of towering, tangled shrubbery which twined itself around the piles of bricks, glass, wrecked bedroom furniture and other rubbish.

In the dying light of the evening the wrecked edifice was silhouetted against the sky like a wounded beast thrusting its maimed arms upwards in an attitude of defiance, for it would rise again one day and regain its lost splendour.

W. Stephen Gowing.

### BY THE RIVER

Beautiful river so clear and cool,  
With lazy fish in your dreamy pool,  
Your rippling shallows on shingle flowing,  
Without a care and never showing,  
Past rich green meadow and pleasant glade  
You flow through sunshine and cooling shade.

Let us rest by the river and look at the wier  
With its foaming waters so cool and near,  
Lucky are we to be near this spot  
By your laughing waters when it is hot,  
Down you go till the sea you reach,  
With its yellow sand and crowded beach.

J. P. Heslop.

### DUNKIRK

The battle is fought. The soldiers retreat to the shores.  
"Call ships to the rescue !" Gallantly many offer their small ships,  
While bombers drop their missiles of death, and many are killed.  
Those brave men have suffered much, but they do not fail,  
Because they know their cause is just and righteousness wins in the end.

The little ships make perilous journeys from coast to coast,  
And many are sunk and their captains killed,  
But the other captains do not falter in their duty.

The sun settles down, leaving a desolation of mangled bodies,  
Bloody sands, and burnt-out wrecks of lorries and tanks,  
And on the sea the debris of those sunken ships.

Praise those brave soldiers and captains that lost their lives for their country,  
And may they be glorified unto the end of the world.

M. Madelin.

### PEACE AND WAR

Far from the roar of guns and the sounds of war,  
Surrounded by pleasant hills and beautiful valleys,  
There was a village in which terrors of war were unknown,  
Quiet were the lives of its people.  
They sang at their work and they enjoyed nature,  
But where is this place now ? Gone !  
Swept by the tide of war,  
Its people mowed down like cattle,  
Its church, its inn, its houses all shattered,  
Nothing now remains but decaying ruins,  
In which only spirits live.

Who will avenge this village, these people who died,  
Who did not know what war was ?

R. Wilson.

### THE TROUT STREAM

Beneath the rugged elms at the foot of the Rectory garden, there runs a small, clear stream, an offshoot of the Ribble. A little further along the bank, overhung by willows and shaded on the sides by tall reeds and other water plants, the trout of the stream have their sanctuary. Outside this sanctuary the stream babbles and chatters continuously as it pours over a ledge of moss-covered rocks. On fine clear days when the stream is bathed in sunlight, one can see the trout darting swiftly across the shallow pool, silhouetted by the dark bottom of the stream. The water of their pool is little disturbed by the swift-flowing stream, and it is only when a trout leaps after an unsuspecting fly that a few small clear ripples are formed on its surface. When the heat of a summer's day is directed on to the pool, the low humming sound of the hovering dragon-fly is audible. Towards evening, as the sun moves slowly over the brink of the horizon, an eery silence steals across the trout pool, unbroken by any sound from above or below, save the unending chatter and babble of the crystal clear stream making a miniature waterfall outside.

B. H. Cole.

### CHERRY TREES

Blackbird and thrush,  
What are you singing,  
Upon the cherry trees,  
Happily swinging ?  
Out in the sunny morn,  
Gladly I'm strolling  
Here in the Weald of Kent,  
Cherries are ripening.

Blackbird and thrush,  
What are you telling  
Now that the gleaming fruit  
Swiftly is swelling ?  
Year after year  
Good fruit is growing,  
Here in the Weald of Kent  
Soft winds are blowing.

D. Hossack.



Moonlight

H. Bruun

### NAVAL CUSTOMS

To all those who are interested in the Royal Navy there is a fascination in learning the origins of naval terms and traditions. The origins are often obscure and in many cases more than one explanation can be found. This does not, however, lessen the interest taken in the language of the sea, and every budding seaman, officer or rating, who does not make some attempt to learn 'sea language' will find himself really 'at sea' when he first embarks in a ship. "In a ship"—no trace can be found of the origin of the fact that in the Royal Navy it is considered correct to say 'In a ship' and not 'on.' 'On board,' if you prefer it; otherwise 'in.' In the Navy a ship is taken *In* tow, but on the road, a trailer is labelled 'On tow.'

Many 'pongoes,' 'leathernecks' and 'land-lubbers' persist in calling the Queen Elizabeth and vessels of her size 'boats.' To a seaman this is ridiculous, for a boat is generally an open craft propelled by oars or a small motor.

Another very common difference in language as used in the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy is found in the use of the word 'cabin.' In the R.N. even in 'stone frigates' (shore establishments) an officer's quarter, whether large or small, is referred to as a 'cabin.' In the M.N., only the passenger enjoys the freedom of a 'cabin,' and officer's quarter, even if it is too small to swing a cat in, is called his 'room.' 'Swinging the cat' has its origin in the 'cat-o-nine-tails.'

The word 'saloon' used in passenger ships is not heard in the R.N., but the terms 'dining cabin,' 'ward room,' 'gun room'—and sometimes more appropriately 'the mess'—are used instead.

It is interesting to note that the present practice of juniors saluting their seniors by touching the cap, is of fairly modern origin. 'Touching the hat' began to take the place of 'Pulling off the hat,' more than 100 years ago. Saluting with arms also has its meaning. The 'present arms' position is one in which the rifle is harmless. The salute with a sword in two motions means first 'Kissing the cross' (the hilt) and then the point is lowered as a symbol of trust.

The evolution of naval uniforms is of interest. Before 1750 officers wore pretty well what they liked, but uniforms have been regularised since that date. As late as 1850 a captain often dressed his gig's crew in 'fancy rig.' The captain of the 'Harlequin' dressed his men as harlequins, and the captain of the 'Blazer' in striped jackets—hence the term 'blazer' for a sports coat.

The R.N. always adapts its language to the times, and during recent years has nicknamed various 'secret weapons' of the enemy. The latest, the rocket-bomb, has been affectionately termed 'Chase-me-Charley.'

G. P. T. Crannigan.

### EVENING

Let us closely pin the blinds,  
Not a chink of light  
From the outside shall be seen  
Shining out at night.  
No-one passing by can tell  
What the curtains hide,  
No-one passing by can guess  
How snug it is inside!

Resting in her easy chair  
Granny sits and sews,  
While the lamplight in a pool  
Softly, warmly glows,  
And the shadows slip away,  
By the lamplight sped—  
And we children read our books  
Till it's time for bed.

D. A. Butler.

### THE STATUE

Sweeping through the village square, the wind blows past the neglected statue. The flowers that were so bright and fresh are dead! Weeds now take the place of what was once green grass, and the wall which surrounded the statue has fallen down. The epitaph which stood out so clear on the pedestal is almost invisible. The hand that held the sword so high lies on the ground. The paths leading to the statue are covered with stones and moss. Children play round its overgrown bushes. People out for their daily walk use its crumbling wall as a place of rest. Tramps use the shelter of the pedestal for their sleeping quarters. Litter is thrown all around it, and children carve their names upon the monument. Passers-by look at it with contempt. As another gust of wind blows through the village, more litter and dust falls against and on to the neglected statue. Does anyone remember its purpose?

D. Foster.

### SWIMMING SPORTS 1943

The Swimming Sports were held at the Social Centre Baths on July 22nd. Well over 50 boys entered for the various events, and it is pleasing to think that almost every eighth member of the school took part in this purely voluntary occasion.

The results were as follows:

**Class III**  
ONE LENGTH BREAST STROKE.—1, Lucas; 2, Webster; 3, Haisman.  
ONE LENGTH FREE STYLE.—1, Knight; 2, Lucas; 3, Webster.  
BEST TWO DIVES.—1, Lee; 2, Haisman; 3, Webster.  
WALKING RACE.—1, Knight; 2, Haisman; 3, Webster.

**Class II**  
ONE LENGTH FREE STYLE.—1, S. Hammond; 2, Pelling; 3, Werrell.  
ONE LENGTH BREAST STROKE.—1, M. Ford; 2, Tilley; 3, Fowler.  
BEST THREE DIVES.—1, S. Hammond; 2, D. Klemperer; 3, M. Ford.

**Open Events**  
400 YARDS FREE STYLE.—1, N. Bennett (6 m. 53 sec.); 2, Field; 3, Cummins.  
200 YARDS FREE STYLE.—1, N. Bennett (3 m. 17 3/5 sec.); 2, Field; 3, Bligh.  
100 YARDS FREE STYLE.—1, N. Bennett (1 m. 19 1/5 sec.); 2, Bligh; 3, Field.  
ONE LENGTH BACK STROKE.—1, N. Bennett (28 2/5 sec.); 2, Omer; 3, Cummins.  
ONE LENGTH FREE STYLE.—1, N. Bennett (24 4/5 sec.); 2, Armstrong; 3, N. Bennett.  
ONE LENGTH BREAST STROKE.—1, Field (25 4/5 sec.); 2, Armstrong; 3, N. Bennett.  
BEST THREE DIVES.—1, S. Hammond; 2, Omer; 3, N. Bennett.  
LIFE-SAVING RACE.—1, Omer and Field; 2, Jovae and Schwaetzer; 3, N. Bennett and Bligh.  
KNOCK-OUT HORSEBACK TOURNAMENT.—Junior: 1, S. Hammond and Owen; 2, Madelin and Murgatroyd. Senior: 1, N. Bennett and Bligh; 2, Basden and Squires.  
INTER-HOUSE RELAY RACE.—1, Gray; 2, Hampden; 3, Milton.  
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—Champion: N. Bennett, 17 points. Runner-up: Field, 8 points.

### CRICKET, 1943

OFFICIALS: Captain, P. Ford; Vice-Captain, J. S. Stock; Committee, E. Farmer, R. Ford and W. J. Omer. Team: Farmer, Jackson, May, R. Ford, P. Ford, Stock, Omer, Guest, Harman, Bligh, Elderfield.

The first eleven started the season badly, losing three out of the first four matches; though by a margin of only 4 runs against Egham. All the other matches were won easily, the team's batting improving after these early defeats. Farmer and P. Ford bowled throughout the season and rarely needed assistance in bowling, though aided by smart fielding. Over 20 catches were held during the season. P. Ford played extremely well against Wycombe, scoring 46 not out and taking 6 wickets for 12 runs.



Once again the 2nd eleven had a successful season, losing only one match, by 7 runs. Accurate bowling by Reynolds and Robinson kept the scores down below 50, giving the batsmen a good chance of beating their opponents' scores.

<b>1st XI</b>			
v. MAIDENHEAD.	H.	Lost.	Maidenhead 108 (P. Ford 6-30, Farmer 2-13), School 49 (Farmer 24).
v. WINDSOR.	H.	Won.	Windsor 36 (Farmer 6-15, P. Ford 4-14), School 112-6 (R. Ford 33, P. Ford 22, May 19).
v. ASHFORD.	H.	Lost.	Ashford 51 (Farmer 5-19, P. Ford 4-20, R. Ford 1-0), School 32.
v. EGHAM.	A.	Lost.	Egham 40 (Farmer 6-20, P. Ford 4-14), School 36.
v. WINDSOR.	A.	Won.	Windsor 43 (P. Ford 5-13, B. Farmer 4-22), School 144 (Omer 22, Elderfield 20, Stock 16).
v. N.F.S.	H.	Won.	School 90 (Farmer 31, P. Ford 16, May 12), N.F.S. 40 (Farmer 7-10, P. Ford 2-26).
v. HIGH WYCOMBE.	A.	Won.	School 156 (P. Ford 46 n.o., Farmer 23, Guest 19), Wycombe 54 (P. Ford 6-12, Farmer 4-34).
v. UXBRIDGE.	A.	Won.	School 86 (Elderfield 20, May 18), Uxbridge 42 (P. Ford 4-11, Farmer 5-15).
v. THE STAFF.	H.	Won.	Staff 114 (Mr. Wignall 40) (May 4-6, Farmer 5-33), School 129 (Guest 40, Jackson 25, R. Ford 23, May 17), (Mr. Mairs 3-9).

The Staff match was played with 12 a side batting. W. H. Smith, Reynolds and Squires played for the Staff. Messrs. Wignall and Mairs must be praised for their batting and bowling respectively. Mr. Vincent Evans should be mentioned for his 16, which included 2 sixes.

<b>2nd XI</b>			
v. MAIDENHEAD.	A.	Won.	School 46, Maidenhead 30.
v. WINDSOR.	A.	Won.	School 93 (Dewar 22, Cameron 18 n.o.), Windsor 15 (Reynolds 7-5, Robinson 2/5).
v. ASHFORD.	A.	Won.	Ashford 12 (Robinson 5-18, Reynolds 4/6), School 59-9 (Varney and Dewar 10).
v. EGHAM.	H.	Won.	School 41 (Basden and Reynolds 10), Egham 24 (Reynolds 4-7, Varney 4-9).
v. WINDSOR.	H.	Won.	School 49 (Robinson and Dear 17), Windsor 18 (Reynolds 6-8).
v. L.V.S.	H.	Won.	School 96-6 (Squires 28, Robinson 21 n.o., Deer 16), L.V.S. 44 (Reynolds 7-15).
v. WYCOMBE.	H.	Won.	School 122, Wycombe 49.
v. UXBRIDGE.	H.	Lost.	School 31, Uxbridge 38.

### FOOTBALL 1943

**OFFICIALS :** Captain, P. B. May ; Vice-Captain, F. B. Jackson ; Committee, E. Farmer and R. Guest. Team : Clayton ; —, Guest ; Ford, Farmer, Smith ; Kerridge, May, Jackson, Elderfield, Egelstaff.

The 1st XI was quite successful this term, losing only two matches by fairly small margins. One of these matches was against our formidable opponents, the Old Paludians, the other against Egham.

A very fine performance was put up against the R.A.F., when the 1st XI won by 5 goals to 2. Everyone will agree that this was a great achievement, aided perhaps by the strong support at the touch-line. The greatest score was against Ashford, 12-4, while the total scores were nearly two goals for us to every one against. This speaks well for the team as a whole, both attack and defence, perhaps most of all for May, Jackson and Clayton. The latter made up for lack of great bulk by "his remarkable powers of contortion," to quote a Press report.

The 2nd XI lost only one match, their total score being nearly four times that of their opponents. Nearly all the matches were won by good margins.

<b>1st XI</b>			
v. WYCOMBE	...	...	Won 2-1
v. UXBRIDGE	...	...	Won 6-1
v. R.A.F.	...	...	Won 5-2
v. OLD PALUDIANS	...	...	Lost 0-3
v. WYCOMBE	...	...	Won 4-1
v. MAIDENHEAD	...	...	Won 4-3
v. ASHFORD	...	...	Won 12-4
v. EGHAM	...	...	Lost 0-2

The Junior XI played a few matches, showing promise for a good 1st XI in the future. 2nd XI : Harman ; Dewar, Head ; Cameron, Armstrong, Bligh ; Basden, Melton, Ridgeway, Baigent, Edmunds.

### FOOTBALL 1944

**OFFICIALS :** As last term. Team : Clayton ; Harman, Guest ; Ford, Smith, Bligh ; Basden, May, Jackson, Armstrong, D. Egelstaff.

The 1st XI played few matches this term, but the slight alterations in the team allowed them to settle quickly, so that all the matches were won.

A pleasant afternoon was afforded by the revival of the Six-a-Side Tournament, after a lapse of about 15 years. The captains were chosen, and teams were picked at random. The Tournament was played on the knock-out system, with corners counting as points and short periods of play. Unfortunately for the players, the continual exertion proved exhausting, while the weather was not at its best.

The winning team was led by W. H. Smith, who met in the final Jackson's six, winning by 1 goal and 1 corner to 1 corner. The winners were : W. H. Smith, Crewe, Hurn, Field, Smart and Clayton.

### HOUSE NOTES GRAY

**Summer Term 1943**  
**OFFICIALS :** Captain, J. E. Stock ; Vice-Captain, Farmer ; Secretary, W. J. Omer ; Committee, V. L. Woodford and L. Thomas.

<b>CRICKET :</b>	v. Hampden.	v. Milton.	v. Herschel.	Points.
Seniors	Won	Won	Won	5
Intermediates	Lost	Won	Lost	2
Jun. Intermediates	Lost	Won	Won	4
Juniors	Won	Lost	Won	4

Positions : 1st in the Seniors, 4th in the Intermediates ; 2nd in the Junior Intermediates and 2nd in the Juniors.

As results show, on the average this was not a bad season ; final position being 2nd with 15 points.

**SWIMMING SPORTS :**  
Gray was extremely successful. We won the Inter-House Relay Race and the School Champion was N. Bennett.

At the end of the term we regretted the loss of most of our officials, especially J. E. Stock, who had shone since his days in the Juniors.

**Autumn Term 1943**  
**OFFICIALS :** Captain, Farmer ; Vice-Captain, D. G. Robinson ; Secretary, J. Hussey.

<b>FOOTBALL :</b>	v. Hampden	v. Milton	v. Herschel	Points
Seniors	Won 5-2	Won 3-1	Drew 2-2	5
Intermediates	Lost 0-4	Lost 1-4	Won 2-0	2
Jun. Intermediates	Won 4-0	Lost 0-3	Won 3-2	4
Juniors	Won 1-0	Won 2-1	Lost 0-4	4

Positions : 1st in the Seniors, 3rd in the Intermediates, 2nd in the Junior Intermediates and 2nd in the Juniors.

This was a very good season, the final result being 1st with 15 points.

At the end of the term we were very sorry to lose, among others, two more officials. The loss of Farmer and D. G. Robinson caused much anxiety for the future, for they were the backbone of our Senior XI.

**Spring Term 1944**  
**OFFICIALS :** Captain, Head ; Vice-Captain, M. Waghorn ; Secretary, J. Hussey ; Committee Member, J. Lowe.

<b>FOOTBALL :</b>	v. Hampden	v. Milton	v. Herschel	Points
Seniors	Lost 0-10	Lost 0-1	Lost 0-8	0
Intermediates	Lost 0-4	Lost 0-2	Won 2-0	2
Junior Intermediates	Won 4-0	Won 1-0	Won 9-0	6
Juniors	Lost 1-5	Drew 0-0	Drew 0-0	2

Positions : 4th in the Seniors, 3rd in the Intermediates, 1st in the Junior Intermediates and 3rd in the Juniors.

This was, unfortunately, a bad season for Gray, except for the fine show put up by the Intermediates. Our final position was 3rd with 10 points.

**CROSS-COUNTRY :** Class I. Position, 4th with 1 point.  
Class II. Position, 3rd with 2 points ; Harris came in 3rd.  
Class III. Position, 4th with 1 point.  
Half-way through the term we lost our Secretary, J. Hussey.

B.S.

### HAMPDEN

**Summer Term 1943**  
**OFFICIALS :** Captain, P. Ford ; Vice-Captain, Griffith ; Secretary, C. Furnivall ; Committee, J. Armstrong, R. Christie.

Although the House gained first position in the Sports, we were fourth in cricket with 10 points. Many Hampden boys entered for the Swimming Sports, and they came second in the Inter-House Relay Race.

The Senior Supper proved a successful substitute for the pre-war House Supper, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Charman.

We were sorry to lose Furnivall and Griffith, who had held positions in the House.

**Autumn Term 1943**  
**OFFICIALS :** Captain, Jackson ; Vice-Captain, R. Christie ; Secretary, G. P. T. Crannigan ; Committee, Armstrong.

We managed to reach third place in the football results and showed improvement.

We were sorry to lose Ford, Christie, Borwell and S. Simmons.

**Spring Term 1944**  
**OFFICIALS :** Captain, B. Jackson ; Vice-Captain, W. H. Smith ; Secretary, G. P. T. Crannigan ; Committee, Armstrong, Cummins.  
The House improved its football, and its efforts were rewarded with first place. G.P.T.C.

## HERSCHEL

## Summer Term 1943

OFFICIALS : Captain, R. Ford ; Vice-Captain, P. B. May ; Secretary, W. Warr, Committee, P. Egelstaff, J. Squires.

CRICKET.	Seniors	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	Lost	Lost	Lost	Lost
v. Hampden	Won	Won	Won	Lost
v. Milton	Won	Won	Drew	Lost
	Pts. 4	Pts. 4	Pts. 3	Pts. 0
	Psn. 2	Psn. 1	Psn. 2	Psn. 4

Final Position : 3rd.

## Autumn Term 1943

OFFICIALS : Captain, R. Ford ; Vice-Captain, P. B. May ; Secretary, W. Warr.

FOOTBALL.	Seniors	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	Drew	Lost	Lost	Won
v. Hampden	Won	Lost	Won	Won
v. Milton	Lost	Lost	Lost	Drew
	Pts. 3	Pts. 0	Pts. 2	Pts. 5
	Psn. 2	Psn. 4	Psn. 3	Psn. 1

Final Position : 34th

## Spring Term 1944

OFFICIALS : Captain, R. Ford ; Vice-Captain, P. B. May ; Secretary, W. Warr.

FOOTBALL.	Seniors	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	Won	Lost	Lost	Won
v. Hampden	Won	Lost	Lost	Lost
v. Milton	Won	Lost	Lost	Drew
	Pts. 6	Pts. 0	Pts. 0	Pts. 3
	Psn. 1	Psn. 4	Psn. 4	Psn. 2

Final Position : 4th.

The House was extremely successful in the Cross-country Run. We came 2nd in the Intermediates, and 1st in Juniors and Seniors, winning 11 points out of a possible 12. Basden was first in the Senior run, winning his Athletic Colours. Rose was 5th.

We were sorry to lose our Captain, R. Ford, who left at the end of the term to join the Army.

W.W.

## MILTON

## Summer Term 1943

OFFICIALS : Captain, D. J. Dewar ; Vice-Captain, G. Deeks ; Secretary, L. A. Watson ; Committee, C. F. Varney.

CRICKET.	Seniors	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	Lost	Won	Won	Won
v. Hampden	Lost	Drew	Won	Won
v. Herschel	Lost	Lost	Drew	Won
	Pts. :	Pts. 3	Pts. 5	Pts. 6
	Psn. 4th	Psn. 2nd	Psn. 1st	Psn. 1st

Final Position : 1st.

## Autumn Term 1943

OFFICIALS : Captain, D. S. Dewar ; Vice-Captain, R. Guest ; Secretary, P. R. Marler ; Committee, J. Bligh.

FOOTBALL.	Seniors	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	Lost	Won	Won	Lost
v. Hampden	Lost	Lost	Drew	Lost
v. Herschel	Won	Won	Won	Drew
	Pts. 2	Pts. 4	Pts. 5	Pts. 1
	Psn. 3rd	Psn. 2nd	Psn. 1st	Psn. 4th

Final Position : 2nd.

This term we lost Watson, Deeks, Varney and D. H. Kerridge, who so distinguished himself on the sports field.

## Spring Term 1944

OFFICIALS : Captain, D. J. Dewar ; Vice-Captain, R. Guest ; Secretary, P. R. Marler ; Committee, J. Bligh.

FOOTBALL.	Seniors	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	Won	Won	Lost	Drew
v. Hampden	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
v. Herschel	Won	Won	Won	Drew
	Pts. 4	Pts. 4	Pts. 4	Pts. 2
	Psn. 2nd	Psn. 2nd	Psn. 2nd	Psn. 3

Final Position : 2nd.